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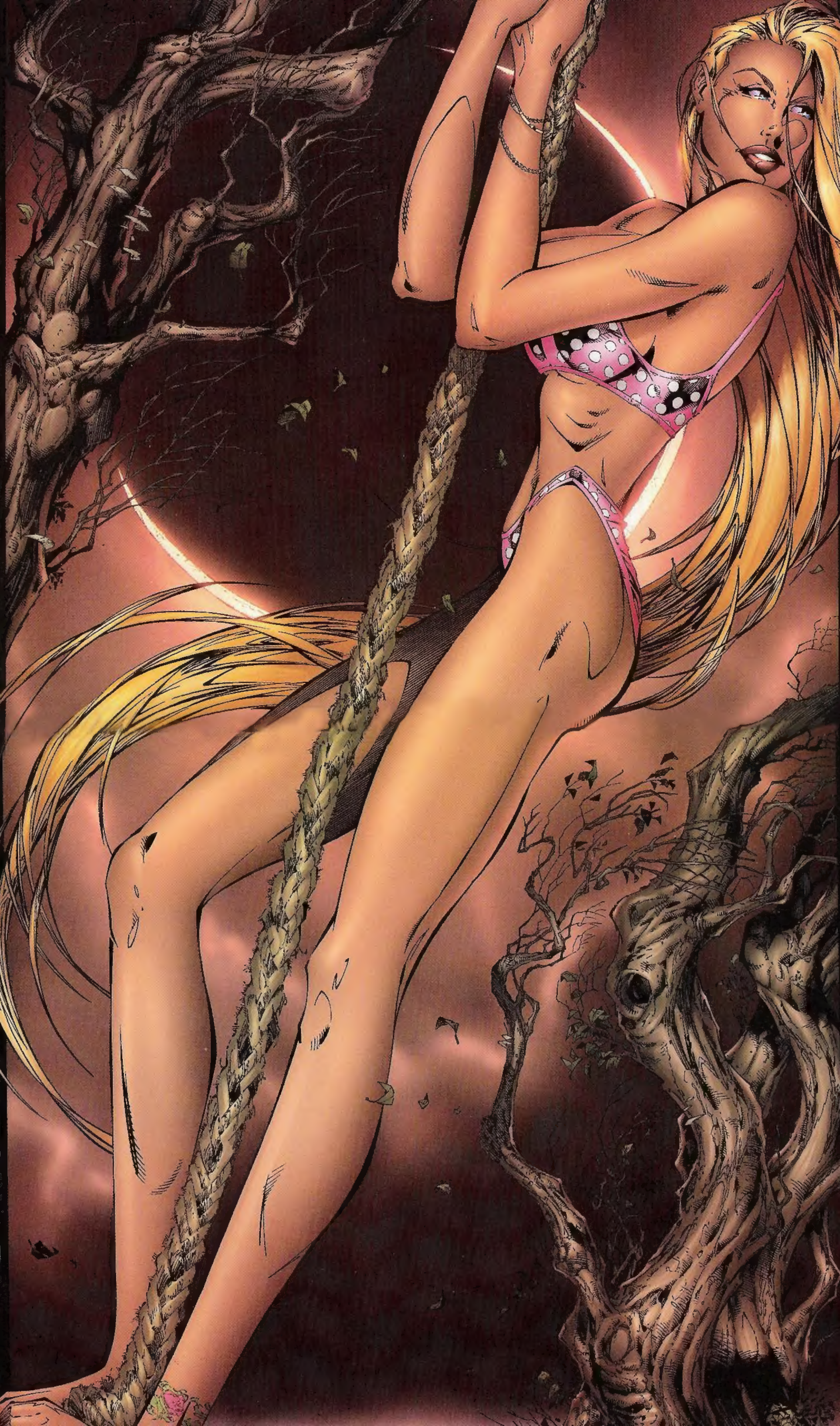

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this. As some of you already know, I recently relocated out west from my home in Georgia, and have spent the time in the interim getting settled in, and writing the [illegible] uently, my own!)

The first issue of that new chapter will be out next month in the form of "DARKCHYLDE" #0. And yes, (laughs) it REALLY will be out next month! It picks up a week or so after the conclusion of issue #5 of the first series, and is written by myself, with art by new discovery Keu Cha, who some of you may be familiar with from the WIZARD #1/2. I've been working closely with Keu since then, and while the 1/2 issue was good... the #0 issue is just gorgeous! Why Keu? Well, he's good, and he's a faster penciler than me! And while he's been working away on #0, guess who's been drawing the new DARKCHYLDE #1, slated to roll out shortly thereafter... that's right, YOURS TRULY.

It'll be a natural extension of the Darkchylde odyssey, as well as an ambitious revisitation of the original DARKCHYLDE CONCEPT. The story will be tougher to tell and not as "clear cut" as the first arc, and will have more layers and "texture" to

I hope you enjoyed the different images of Ariel presented here by myself and my colleagues. I really enjoyed seeing the pieces come in, and I'd like to give particular thanks to Brandon Peterson, Mike Wieringo, Steve Firchow, and Jim Lee for taking time out from busy schedules to be included. Glad to have you in here guys!

On the next page are some photos of me and friend (Travis Oscarson) on the set of the television show "BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER" in Santa Monica at the 20th Century Fox lot. Travis was tapped to play WEREWOLF and got to chase Sarah Michelle Gellar around all day! (And got PAID for it EVEN!) Travis asked me if I wanted to join in on the festivities, and well, he really didn't have to twist my ARM! (He choked me into it!) So, if you missed my 3 seconds of screen time dancing in the bronze club, maybe you can catch it in re-run! Also, oddly enough, the security guard for 20 Century Fox was a big DARKCHYLDE fan and recog nized me! (Hi Wendell!) He laughed and said t knows why my book never comes out! Geez! I JUST ONE DAY! If you haven't been checking out BUFFY, look for it on the "WB" station TUESDAYS at 8:00 pm. It's a great blend of horror and humor (hey isn't that what we're doing here?), with crisp writing by creator/producer JOSS WHEDON... and just incidentally, (and this is just [illegible]

ACTION movie starring Jennifer Love Hewitt as ARIEL morphing into all these COMPUTER GENERATED creatures of her NIGHTMARES terrorizing a small southern town be UNBELIEVABLY COOL?. We're talking Nightmare on Elm Street Jurassic Park with plenty of teen sex appeal thrown in fo good measure... just imagine that. An idea H... WOOD hasn't DONE yet. And you know, I really LOVE Joss's writing. (maybe if I beg hard enough!)

Anyway, it's on to your letters... I do want to say that I take time to read each and every one of them, and am appreciative of all your kind words regarding my health, and of your patience. Unfortunately, I just don't have time to write all of you back, but I don't want to let you know that I receive them, and each and every one of them is IMPORTANT to me. I'll see you next month in DARKCHYLDE #0, where I'll have some unbelievably-cool announcements to make...

-Best to you,

Randy with actor friend Travis Oscarson on the set of BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER.

Obviously a research trip!

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The thing that intrigues me is, would this series be in as Ariel was fully dressed in all the covers? If you would have given her a costume that fully covered her? If this industry wasn't in the position e any chick in a scantily clad utfit hit the top ten list? This is the only series I see that actually uses taste and style. Let's be serious for a moment... Would you want to wear something that actually gave you protection in a battle, or not? The answer is clearly protection.

-Paul Petrovic

I thought this was a , nothing worse than a boring, gushing letter column. Last time I checked, Paul, there were ONLY two "scantily" clad "chick books" riding the top ten. And those two are DARKCHYLDE and WITCH-BLADE. And there are some 40 odd, what you call "scantily clad chick" books out there, and with again, only TWO being represented in the top ten, there must be something more to the equation that you seem to be missing (oh, dare I say it... STORY, QUALITY, TASTEFULNESS... maybe? Am I getting warm, Paul? Stop me if I am...). And Ariel's PROTECTION IS the creatures she BECOMES. You know, the big ones with teeth and claws and all that jazz. Oh yeah, typically r clothes WOULD rip if your least, that's the word on the street. Hope I've cleared up any

ar Mr. Queen,

I just finished reading DARKCHYLDE #5 and loved it. I also read DARKNOTES at the end of the book and this is what made me write you.

I think what you said is very true and that is why I am a devoted fan. You put out a comic that is a step above the rest. DARKCHYLDE is not just thrown together and sent out, i is truly a work of art. It is one the greatest stories, in comic have ever read.

I met you at th Chicago Con and that was truly an honor for me. I love your work and I love your devotion . I have the utmost respect for you because you don't rush and throw a comic together like 90% of the books out there.

When I buy DARK- you know that I have been huge fan from the beginning an I will be a fan forever. I don' care if it takes a year for the next chapter in DARKCHYLDE to come out, I will be here w When it does come o enjoy every page as I always I hope you stay true to putting out a great work of art and don't change to someone who jus throws something together so he can meet is deadline. If you did that DARKCHYLDE just w not be the same.

I also wanted to say that the fans you may loose because of the wait would not get you down because, if you ask me, they were not true fans anyway.

Well, you are a great artist and writer. I hope to see you next year in Chicago.

-Jim Henry

Hi Jim, I received ALMOST as much commentary on the editorial for #5 as I di on the actual STORY conten It was an honest letter, an of you who've mentioned

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hideous c argument father, since h teacher (it's an education rience approach). My mo however is another story, she'll just have to understand that I'm

al, (I've notice[illegible] of [illegible] readers writing [illegible] ters I've received recently. And quite honestly, some parts I just didn't understand. But, that's okay, because other parts I did. Art is like life in a lot of way[illegible] You just can't make it b[illegible] something it doesn't wa[illegible] You can WANT it, you can FIGHT it, and wrestle with it, but ultimately you'll see you're fighting YOURSELF. There's an old saying I try to live by (and, at times, fail miserably) and has recently seemed extremely appropriate in my life: "Don't push the river any faster than it's WILLING to FLOW..." So just let it flow, Crystal. Just let it flow...

That's it, this go round. More interesting letters next month in DARKCHYLDE #0. And yes, I DID say NEXT MONTH. Join us as we begin the countdown to the NEW DARKCHYLDE series closing, I'd like to give a special "shout out" to Henry and Rebecca Phillips in Australia. Hope to get down there soon for a signing. Until then, everyone be well, god bless.

drawing it, but of am. It's a strange feel- thought you may under- emotions since you seem to have the same raw passion for your craft.

Hi Christie, sorry the issues. The first four issues

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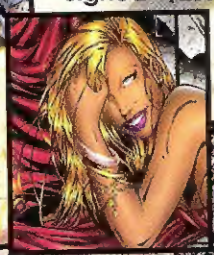

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